



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

John L. Salomone
Town Manager

MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELEN NELSON ROOM – TOWN HALL 7:00 P.M.

APRIL 5, 2012

Mayor Woods called the Public Hearing to order to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to express their views regarding the Town Council's Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL – Councilors Present

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

Mayor Woods, Councilors Klett and McBride presented the changes to the proposed Town Budget via PowerPoint presentation. See attached.

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark Finkelstein, Chairman of the Board of Education: Thanked everyone involved in the budget process for the hard work they did to complete the budget. He thanked Mayor Woods for his leadership and for a budget that would work for the Board of Education. Mr. Finkelstein also thanked Councilor Castelle and Bottalico for having attended all the budget sessions to learn the nuts and bolts of the process.

Karen Brecher, 120 Stagecoach Lane: She thanked the Council for their support for the canopy at the Senior and Disabled Center and liked the idea of having the roof and canopy done simultaneously. Mrs. Brecher stated that putting it in the CIP and not as a bond item was a good idea since it would be done faster through CIP. She was disappointed that the project would not be done for another year because the need was identified ten years ago and felt it was a long time to wait for the project. Mrs. Brecher had two concerns. The first was that the project would have

Phone: (860) 665-8510 Fax: (860) 665-8507
townmanager@newingtonct.gov
www.newingtonct.gov

to go through another budget process with no guarantee it would be included. Her second concern was when there was a referendum often times all the capital items were included and then there was no capital list, which would move the canopy project to 2014-15. Mrs. Brecher stated the canopy was important to the enjoyment and safety of the seniors.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Woods motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Klett and passed 9 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council

Cc: T. Lane, Town Clerk
Attach.